

UPDATE **Troopers** **Investigating Serious Crash** **US 40 at School Bell Rd. –** **New Castle**

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigation a serious motor vehicle crash involving a school bus that occurred Monday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:05 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2019 on westbound Rt. 40 (Pulaski Hwy.) just east of School Bell Rd. A 2012 Blue Ridge school bus which was solely occupied by the driver, a 74 year old Middletown man, was stopped at a red light in the Rt. 40 westbound left lane, just prior to the intersection with School Bell Rd. A 2016 Ram pick-up truck, operated by a 42 year old Bear man, was traveling Rt. 40 westbound in the left lane, directly behind the school bus. For an undetermined reason the Ram failed to stop behind the bus with it's front end colliding with the rear of the bus.

The driver of the school bus was transported to the Christiana Hospital with minor injuries.

The driver of the Ram, who was cited for inattentive driving, was transported to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries.

Rt. 40 was closed between Appleby Rd. and School Bell Rd. for approximately 1 hr. and 45 minutes, while the scene was investigated and cleared.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services

Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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